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News

John Dickinson Plantation to add area of reflection for visitors

Project supported, in part, by a \$5,000 grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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Log'd dwelling at the John Dickinson Plantation. The building is a replica of the type of housing inhabited by the enslaved people at the plantation as well as its tenants and indentured workers. The site's mansion house is in the background.

Division celebrates African American History Month 2021

Three free, virtual programs to be streamed live on the Web.

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Video explores the lives of four enslaved people and an abolitionist

Vignettes tell the stories of real-life Delawareans from the 17th to 19th centuries.

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Zwaanendael Museum seeks plastic recyclables

Donated plastic will be used to offset the purchase price of a recycled-plastic bench.

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Division museums open with tours by appointment

Tours allow visitors to experience the history of the First State while continuing to take all recommended steps to safeguard public health.

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Help Save Delaware History

Division welcomes architectural historian ... and bids farewell to long-time archaeologist

Hello to Emily Whaley; thanks to Alice Guerrant for decades of service.

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Division seeks applicants for archaeologist position

Application deadline: Feb. 21, 2021

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Commentary: Oral history project will document DuPont Schools' legacy

Delaware State News, Dover — Jan. 3, 2021

Funding for program provided by the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs.

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Articles on preservation efforts at Weldin House

Original section of division-owned property in north Wilmington was built in 1790.

[Long-running efforts to forge a future for the Weldin House bear fruit](#)

Delaware Public Media, Dover — Jan. 29, 2021

[What does the future hold for the Weldin House?](#)

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“Partners in Preservation: Planning for the Future — Delaware’s Historic Preservation Plan, 2018–2022”

Document outlines six broad goals for preserving Delaware’s heritage for the future.

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Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

[Zwaanendael Museum Collecting Recyclable Plastic, Turning Bottles and Bags into a Bench](#)

WRDE TV, Lewes, Del. — Jan. 13, 2021

Museum’s plastic recycling campaign will help create a recycled plastic bench for the museum.

[Sarah McBride’s Neighborhood](#)

The Cut, New York, N.Y. — Jan. 4, 2021

Article on the highest-ranking openly transgender elected official in the nation with photos shot in Dover’s Old State House.

Events

Thursday, Feb. 4

[The Wreck of the DeBraak](#) – Virtual program from the Zwaanendael Museum

Saturday, Feb. 6

[Mary Ann Shadd Cary: Delaware’s Forgotten Daughter](#) – Virtual program from the New Castle Court House Museum

Saturday, Feb. 13

[A Student’s Quest for Racial Reckoning in Delaware](#) – Virtual program from the Zwaanendael Museum

For a long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, [go here](#).

Exhibits and Displays

The five museums of the State of Delaware are currently presenting the following exhibits and displays. In keeping with Gov. Carney's [guidance](#) for reopening the state in wake of the coronavirus pandemic, the museums are open for self-guided tours [via reservation only](#).

Ongoing

[Delaware Railroads: Elegant Travel and Timely Transport](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Drawing America to Victory: The Persuasive Power of the Arts in World War I](#) – Online

[Five Stories](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania](#) – Online

[New Castle: Three Forts, One Community](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016](#) – The Old State House

[The Path to Freedom: A History of the Underground Railroad in Delaware](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

For additional opportunities to explore Delaware history online, go to the [Delaware Digital History Museum](#).



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